

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Before line 1 of page 1, please insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of prior filed U.S. application 09/924,626, filed August 9, 2001, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of prior filed provisional application No. 60/225,809, filed August 16, 2000.

Please amend the paragraph on page 1 under “Cross-Reference to Related Applications”:

This application is related by subject matter to U.S. Patent Application Serial Numbers ~~*/**,** and */**,**~~ 09/924,535 and 09/924,536, respectively entitled Apparatus for Making Tires Filled with Flatproofing Material and Tires Filled with Flatproofing Material, filed simultaneously herewith, and which are hereby incorporated by reference as to their entirety.